

DUTIES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES
1 PETER 3:1-7 / 9-18-19 / WED

I. WIVES ARE TO SUBMIT.

- A. Peter ties a wife's submission to the same submission he has already mentioned toward government and masters—3:1a.

1 Peter 3:1a

Wives, "in the same way" submit yourselves....

- B. What is the motive for such submission?

1. Primarily this submission is directed toward an unbelieving husband—3:1b.

1 Peter 3:1b

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word...

2. However, Peter implies the same kind of submission should also be shown toward believing husbands even though the motive is different.

- C. What methods should a wife use to submit to her husband?

1. Actions speak louder than words—3:1c.

1 Peter 3:1c

....they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives.

2. Additional actions include qualities of purity and reverence—3:2.

1 Peter 3:2

when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

- D. Another method to be implored in submitting to husbands relates to real beauty.

1. Outward beauty isn't to be the main emphasis for Christian women. This is probably in contrast to the way unbelieving women dressed—3:3.

1 Peter 3:3

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.

2. Inward beauty is more important than outward beauty—3:4.

1 Peter 3:4

Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

- E. As an example of a "beautiful" woman Peter points to the O.T. character of Sarah. Sarah was beautiful both outwardly and inwardly—3:5-6.

II. HUSBANDS ARE TO RESPOND FAVORIBLY TO THEIR SUBMISSIVE WIVES.

- A. Husbands are to be considerate of their wives. Considerate in the sense godly wives deserve such our honor—3:7a.

1 Peter 3:7a

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives...

- B. Husbands are also to respect their wives—7b.

1 Peter 3:7

....treat them with respect...

1. Respect them physically as God created them—3:7c.

1 Peter 3:7c

....treat them with respect as the weaker partner...

2. Also respect them spiritually as a child of God like you—3:7d.

1 Peter 3:7d

....treat them with respect ...as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life...

- C. Husbands should realize that if their relationship with the wives isn't right then neither will their relationship with God be right—3:7e.

1 Peter 3:7

... treat them with respect ...so that nothing will hinder your prayers.